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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, General Truscott, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Sheldon (part of meeting),

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MR. DULLES:

a. Briefly reported on his hearings this week before the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee of House Appropriations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and noted there is a great ground swell generating to receive current intelligence briefings and/or information on ~~anything less than~~ a weekly basis. The Director said that Congressman Zablocki had been very frank in stating that his desire to receive current intelligence on a periodic basis was the reason that prompted him to introduce a bill for a CIA Watch Dog Committee and not for the purpose of investigating this Agency. In the discussion held on this matter it was agreed by all present that some method should be devised to provide periodic and timely briefings for the members of the Appropriations and Foreign Affairs Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It was also made clear, however, that (1) no steps would be taken to do this without prior clearance from the White House and (2) the details of such briefings would necessarily have to be worked out with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House in order that this Agency cannot be accused of discrimination. It was also noted that in all probability the best way to handle such briefings would be to make available the OCI weekly in its entirety. Some discussion was held on whether or not National Estimates should be made available. No agreement was reached; however, it was pointed out that with the furnishing of regular intelligence briefings, requests for Estimates can be expected. During the meeting the Director briefly discussed this matter with General Goodpaster who appeared somewhat luke warm about it. The Director made it clear that no action would be taken until further discussions were held with the White House but he did feel that the President would want to know the feeling of the members of the above-mentioned committees and pointed out that it was strictly bipartisan.

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c. Referred to a CIA cable from [redacted] giving an excellent report on the current situation in [redacted] and asked that information contained therein be called to the attention of Mr. Hugh Cumming of State and General Erskine in Defense. The Director also asked [redacted] to furnish clear copies of this message to Brig. General Goodpaster for the President and Brig. General Cushman for the Vice President.

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in [redacted] and stated he believed it would be helpful if this and similar information received could be cranked in to the Secretary of State's talk with [redacted]. Action: Mr. Bissell to discuss this with Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson.

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e. Stated that [redacted] had just returned from [redacted] and had called to "pay his respects." The Director said he had nothing to take up with [redacted] but suggested that someone in DD/P might see him. Action: Mr. Helms

f. Noted he had recently seen [redacted] (a former employee) who is finding time heavy on his hands and apparently is about ready to again offer his services to CIA. It was agreed that he should not be rehired. However, Mr. Barnes pointed out that possibly [redacted] would

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g. Referred to a cable from [redacted] and commented although he had been advised that in all probability we could not obtain the document referred to therein, he really saw no reason we could not get a copy and stated he would be willing to pay up to \$5000 for it. Action: DD/P

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h. Stated he would hold in abeyance the proposal to send letters to the new members of Congress but commented he had invited the members of the Mahon Committee to come in for a briefing any time at their convenience. He made it clear, however, that in any briefings of new members of Congress we would steer away from mentioning our budget and number of personnel. He said answers to these questions should come from the Appropriations Committees and not from CIA.

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i. Referred to a memorandum from the Acting Chief, WE, respecting CIA contact with [redacted] and stated we should develop someone who would be closer to this individual than was indicated. Action: DD/P.

j. Noted a cable from [redacted] concerning a possible invasion by the [redacted] and asked DD/I to keep a close watch on this. Mr. Amory stated that the [redacted] and [redacted] get puffed up about this from time to time and actually the [redacted] have little or no ability on the ground for repelling.

k. Stated he had recently seen [] at dinner and had suggested to him that the U. S. show more attention to the representatives from the smaller nations of the UN and thereby attempt to obtain more support for U. S. policies. He said Mr. [] had thought this a good idea and in fact had written him a letter about it which was handed to DD/P for action.

MR. KIRKPATRICK.

a. Noted that the next meeting of the President's Board would be on Friday, 3 April.

b. Reported that the Efficiency Task Force now meets with him once a week and that surveys are being conducted in DD/P and DD/I by [redacted] respectively. DD/S has completed its survey.

COLONEL WHITE.

Reported we had received a request from Major General Quinn (Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence) that two of his officers (captains) be allowed to participate in the next regular JOT training course which begins on 9 February. Colonel White said General Quinn based this request on the fact that up until now, reserve officers on active duty had borne the brunt of such clandestine activities as are carried out by the Army and by and large these training officers would be out of the service in the next year or two. Colonel White also pointed out that should this request be approved, we can expect similar ones from the Air Force and the Navy. Mr. Bissell noted that bringing in outsiders to a regular training course of JOT's would certainly blow them. General Cabell

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commented that, on the other hand, we had long been trying to get the services out of clandestine activities and our providing training might be a gimmick to control such activities, particularly if these trainees work with CIA in the future. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he wanted to make a strong plea for such training and remarked that, in his opinion, this would go a long way to settling the problem of Agreed Activities. The Director noted that he was pushed for time in view of his briefing for the Johnson Committee this afternoon and could not therefore settle this problem immediately but, for the moment, General Quinn should be advised that in view of the fact that time is too short to consider entering the two G-2 officers in the current class, we would consider his request for subsequent programs at a later date. Action: DD/S



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